Pilferage of Aviation Turbine Fuel

2851. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that lakhs of litres of Aviation Turbine Fuel is being stolen during transportation with the connivance of Defence personnel and company officials authorised for receiving the products on locations;

(b) if so, whether such thieves also adulterate the ATF during transportation period and further causes accidents of flights;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct enquiry against transport operators involved in this act; and

(d) if so, by when the enquiry shall be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. So far, no such case of loss of Aviation Turbine Fuel has come to the notice of Government. The oil companies are paid as per ATF physically delivered to IAF refueller or to the aircraft.

(b) The fuel being delivered to Air Force is tested by quality control agencies and there is no reported incidence of fuel contamination.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

Destroying terrorist hideouts in PoK

†2852. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned as "PoK mein hathiaron ka jakhira banaya atankvadiyon ne" published at the page 12 of the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated the 31st July, 2002;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.